(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the present position of the case pending in the Supreme Court in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The notification covered all polluting units in the country including those along the Ganga.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) On the basis of discussions with the State Governments, the following steps against the polluting industries has been notified:

(i) The industries which have commenced production on or before 16th May, 1981 and has shown adequate proof of at-least commencement of physical work for establishment of facilities to meet the specified standards within a time-bound programme, to the satisfaction of the concerned State Pollution Control Board, shall comply with such standards latest by the 31st December, 1993.

(ii) The industries which have commenced production after the 16th day of May, 1981 but before the 31st December, 1991 and have shown adequate proof of atleast commencement of physical work for establishment of facilities to meet the specified standards within a time-bound programme, to the satisfaction of the concerned State Pollution Control Board, shall comply with such standards latest by the 31st day of December, 1992.

(e) The cases with respect to the tanneries and other indutsries except distilleries has been listed for March 31, 1992 and the cases in respect of distilleries have been listed for April 9, 1992.

Bodhghat Project in Madhya Pradesh

951. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have received a request from the Madhya Pradesh Government for reconsidering the decision on Bodhghat Project; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Bodhghat Hydel Project was granted environmental clearance in 1979 and again in 1985, clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 was, however, not accorded due to non submission of data and plans, based on the study report received in February, 1992 the proposal is to be re-examined for forest clearance.

Power project of Karnataka for environment clearance

952. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of power projects submitted by Karnataka Government are pending for environment and forestry clearance; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Only two projects are pending clearance. These are:

(i) Captive Power Plant of Kudremukh from Ore Company.

(ii) Sarvathi Tail Race Hydro Electric Project.

Scheme to clean the Yamuna river

953. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch a scheme to clean the Yamuna river;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the concerned State Governments have been consulted in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the concerned States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) A scheme for Pollution abatement of river Yamuna in Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh has been formulated in consultation with and with the consent of the two State Governments and Delhi Administration. The details of the scheme are being worked out.

National River Action Plan

954. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to launch a Rs. 1115 crore "National River Action Plan" aimed at cleaning up severely polluted stretches of 12 major rivers of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) by when the plan is likely to be implemented;

(d) the estimated cost of the plan; and

(e) the progress made under Ganga Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) A National River Action Plan (NRAP) for agatement of pollution in the grossly polluted stretches of major rivers of the country is under formulation. Details in this regard are being worked out.

(e) Under the Ganga Action Plan, out of 261 sanctioned Schemes of pollution abatement, 175 schemes have been completed so far. The completed schemes account for a diversion of 405 million litres per day)mld) of sewage against the target of 873 mld by the 261 schemes.

Depletion of forest areas in Orissa

955. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large forest areas are being depleted every year in Orissa and several other States;

(b) if so, the approximate forest areas being so depleted every year, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to replenish the depleted forests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Details of decrease or increase of forest cover in respect of Orissa and other staes based on the visua interpretation of satellite imageries for the periods 1985—87 and 1987—89 are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) A massive programme of afforestation indeeding Social forestry, Agroforestly under 20 Point Programme is being implemented in all States/Union Territories.